

Dear Chairman Abney and members of House Finance:

Thanks for taking the time to consider this proposal (Bill H5223), getting this deal completed and behind the state would be great for all involved. As a 34-year member of the GTECH/IGT family, I along with my family and friends have been a part of the fabric of the state for years. This contract by its nature and design will keep thousands of people employed in the state with good paying jobs and benefits, at a time when people are looking for stability in their world.

This pandemic crisis has really impacted us both from a personal and professional level. And at this point we all could use some positive news. This deal, ensuring that there is no interruption to the 3rd highest revenue generator for the state, would bring great confidence that as a state we can attract and keep 2 large companies in the gaming industry with a presence here in RI. Including one, IGT that started right in the city that houses headquarters today.

I hope that you will send this bill to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

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